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TO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB (LON NON)

SUBJECT: LON NON'S PLANS

1. LON NON TOLD MAJOR ARMSTRONG YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MARSHAL ASKING HIM TO COME HOME. HE FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL BE BLAMED FOR WHAT HE SEES AS AN IMPENDING INTERNAL CRISIS IN PHNOM PENH IF HE GOES BACK, AND IS THEREFORE SENDING HIS AIDE, COLONEL TAN SUOR, TO PHNOM PENH IN A COUPLE OF DAYS TO CONFER WITH THE MARSHAL AND IN TAM ABOUT HIS FUTURE. IF THE MARSHAL AGAIN ASKS HIM TO RETURN, HE WILL DO SO.

2. LON NON FELT THAT HE WOULD BECOME RESTLESS MERELY STUDYING ENGLISH AND WILL ASK THE MARSHAL TO GIVE HIM AN OFFICIAL POSITION, WITH THE TITLE OF "ROVING AMBASSADOR", IN ORDER TO WORK ON SOME POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INSPIRED BY HIS VISIT TO THE IRVINE CORPORATION AND OTHER SITES ON HIS TOUR. HE SAID HE MIGHT NEED A STAFF OF THREE TO FIVE PEOPLE.

3. HE WAS SOMEWHAT REMORSEFUL OVER HIS PAST CONDUCT, RE-
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MARKING THAT "FOR THREE YEARS I DID NOT KNOW WHICH WAY THE

WIND WAS BLOWING." HE REMAINS IMPLACABLY HOSTILE TO SIRIK MATAK BUT SEEMS TO HARBOR NO GRUDGE AGAINST IN TAM, TO WHOM TAN SUOR HAS EASY ACCESS BY REASON OF PAST FAVORS.

4. NON ALSO REMARKED THAT HE THINKS HE HAS STAYED AWAY FROM THE PRESS LONG ENOUGH, AND HINTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO SIHANOUK'S PROPAGANDA.

5. LON NON HAS, IN THE PAST, MENTIONED TO HIS ESCORT OFFICER THE DESIRABILITY OF HIS VISITING GKR POSTS ABROAD TO STIMULATE THEM TO GREATER EFFORTS IN THE CAUSE OF THE REPUBLIC. HE PROBABLY WOULD TRY TO INCLUDE SOME SUCH MANDATE IN HIS TITLE OF ROVING AMBASSADOR.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE YOUR OWN DEPARTURE AND TAN SUOR'S RETURN TO SPEAK TO THE MARSHAL, EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY OF LON NON'S CONCENTRATING ON HIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND NOT GETTING INVOLVED IN PERIPHERAL ACTIVITIES. THE MARSHAL SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT REQUEST LON NON TO RETURN.

7. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL TRY TO FILL LON NON'S SCHEDULE OUT WITH ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT KEEP HIM FULLY OCCUPIED AND GIVE HIM A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. HE OFFERED TO BRIEF US IN DEPTH ON THINGS KHMER AND HE HAS BEEN OBVIOUSLY FLATTERED BY THE INTEREST WE HAVE SHOWN IN HIS SUGGESTIONS. ROGERS

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